FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTHCARE COALITION
AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE
OBJECTIVES AND TASKS
FY2008

OBJECTIVE #1
Educate ourselves and other Coalition members about advocacy and the legislative process.

Task 1a: Provide training on the legislative process
- Ask Executive Committee if they are interested and, if so, to provide time on the Coalition meeting agenda
- Ask Delegates Weldon and Hecht if they would be willing to provide the educational session

OBJECTIVE #2
Educate ourselves, Coalition members and Frederick County Residents about current state and Federal proposals and legislation related to healthcare coverage.

Task 2a: Research voting records of State Delegation related to healthcare bills.
Task 2b: Provide ongoing information to Committee and Coalition members regarding proposals and healthcare legislation.
Task 2c: Arrange for the Maryland Healthcare Coalition to speak at a Coalition meeting.

OBJECTIVE #3
Mobilize the Coalition and the community to advocate for particular pieces of legislation.

Task 3a: Encourage Coalition members to write e-mails/letters to State Delegation regarding specific legislation.
Task 3b: Meet with State Delegation as prudent and necessary.
Task 3c: Testify at committee hearings, as prudent and necessary.
Task 3d: Collaborate with other organizations and individuals in legislative advocacy efforts.

OBJECTIVE #4
Educate legislators and the general population about the realities of the uninsured and underinsured in our county

Task 4a: Make recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding Coalition PR
Task 4b: Synthesize the Needs Assessment for dissemination to the public
Task 4c: Develop an "elevator speech" about the needs of the un- and under-insured.
Task 4d: Identify community and civic groups to educate about the un- and under-insured.

OBJECTIVE #5
Support/initiate efforts to get those who are un/underinsured educated about and enrolled in public or private healthcare programs.
Task 5a: Explore what is currently being done in the community in this area.
Task 5b: Explore the possibility of compiling/producing/supplying information related to the extant programs.